



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE RESERVE

MAJOR GENERAL JAMES P. CZEKANSKI

Maj. Gen. James P. Czekanski, is the Mobilization Assistant (MA) to the Deputy Commander, United States Transportation Command, and Commander, Joint Transportation Reserve Unit (JTRU), USTRANSCOM, Scott Air Force Base, Ill. As the MA, he advises the Deputy Commander on mobilization and composition of reserve forces assigned to USTRANSCOM. As the JTRU Commander, he insures reservists assigned are ready to perform wartime and contingency duties. The general was commissioned through the ROTC program at the University of Massachusetts. He attended undergraduate pilot training at Williams Air Force Base, Ariz. He has more than 250 hours on 55 combat missions in the AC-130A in Southeast Asia. The general has accumulated more than 7,500 flying hours in the C-5A, C-141B, C-130A/B/E/H, HC-130H/N/P and KC-135R. He has commanded a numbered Air Force, two airlift wings, a tactical airlift group, and a rescue and recovery squadron. Prior to assuming his current position, he was the Commander of the Air Force Reserve's Fourth Air Force, and an Air Reserve Technician and member of the Senior Executive Service. He retired from Federal Civil Service on September 1, 2003.



EDUCATION

1968 Bachelor's degree in history, University of Massachusetts
1974 Squadron Officer School
1978 Master's degree in counseling and human development, Troy State University
1981 Air War College

ASSIGNMENTS

1. July 1968 - August 1969, student, undergraduate pilot training, Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.
2. August 1969 - October 1969, student, C-130 combat crew training, Sewart Air Force Base, Tenn.
3. October 1969 - October 1972, tactical airlift pilot, Pope Air Force Base, N.C.
4. October 1972 - March 1974, AC-130A Gunship aircraft commander, Ubon Royal Thai Air Force Base, Thailand
5. March 1974 - August 1975, instructor and evaluator, AC-130A Gunship School, Hurlburt Field, Fla.
6. August 1975 - July 1979, instructor pilot, Air Reserve Technician Program, later, scheduling officer, tactics officer and chief of standardization, 919th Special Operations Group, Eglin Auxiliary Field 3, Fla.
7. July 1979 - February 1981, Director of Operations, 756th Tactical Airlift Squadron, Andrews Air Force Base, Md.
8. February 1981 - February 1984, Chief of Safety and Director of Operations, 910th Tactical Fighter Group, Youngstown Municipal Airport, Ohio
9. February 1984 - April 1986, Chief of Tactical Airlift Operations, Headquarters 14th Air Force, Dobbins Air Force Base, Ga.
10. April 1986 - August 1987, Commander, 301st Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron, Homestead Air Force Base, Fla.
11. August 1987 - August 1989, Commander, 913th Tactical Airlift Group, Willow Grove Air Reserve Facility, Pa.
12. August 1989 - July 1991, Vice Commander and Senior Air Reserve Technician, 315th Military Airlift Wing (Associate), Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
13. July 1991 - March 1992, Commander, 315th Military Airlift Wing, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.
14. March 1992 - May 1997, Commander, 439th Airlift Wing, Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass.

15. May 1997 - April 1998, Inspector General, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
16. April 1998 - August 2000, Director of Operations, Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
17. August 2000 – October 2003, Commander, 4th Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command, March Air Reserve Base, Calif. 18 October 2003 - present,
Commander, USTRANSCOM JOINT TRANSPORTATION UNIT, Scott Air Force Base, Illinois.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Rating: Command pilot

Flight hours: More than 7,500 hours

Aircraft flown: C-5A, C-141B, C-130A/B/E/H, AC-130A, HC-130H/N/P and KC-135R

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Distinguished Service Medal
Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters
Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster
Air Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award
Combat Readiness Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Recognition Ribbon
National Defense Service Medal with service star
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Vietnam Service Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal
Armed Forces Service Medal
Humanitarian Service Medal
Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon
Armed Forces Reserve Medal
Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon
Air Force Training Ribbon
Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Saudi Arabia)
Kuwait Liberation Medal (Government of Kuwait)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ASSOCIATIONS

Air Force Association
Reserve Officer Association
Order of the Daedalians
Airlift and Tanker Association

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION

Second Lieutenant Jun 1, 1968
First Lieutenant Jan 21, 1970
Captain Jul 22, 1971
Major May 9, 1980
Lieutenant Colonel Sep 30, 1985
Colonel Aug 1, 1989
Brigadier General Feb 1, 1998
Major General Nov 30, 2001

(Current as of January 2004)